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For: METHOD FOR SEPARATION OF )  
PLASTIC MIXTURES BASED ON )  
MAGNETO-ARCHIMEDES )  
LEVITATION )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly replace claims 3 and 4, and add new claims 6-8, as follows.

3. (Amended) A method ~~claimed~~ in claim 2, wherein an aqueous solution of paramagnetic inorganic salt is used as the suspending liquid.

4. (Amended) A method ~~claimed~~ in claim 2, wherein the separation is continuously carried out by circulating the suspending liquid.